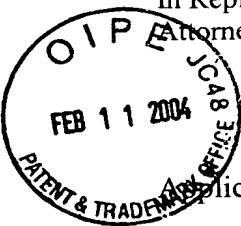


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Applicants : Mitsuaki Echigo et al.
Filed : September 5, 2001
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CARBON MONOXIDE
Group Art Unit : 1754
Confirmation No. : 7881
Examiner : Ngoc-Yen M. Nguyen

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Petition for Extension of Time and requisite fee are submitted concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small Entity Status is asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.
 No additional fee is required.
 The fee has been calculated as shown below:

No. of Claims	Highest No.	Small	Non-Small
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		TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$140.00	

A check in the amount of \$140.00 is enclosed to cover the extra claim filing fee.
 A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed for a one month Petition for Extension of Time.
 The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. An original and two copies of this Transmittal are enclosed.
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